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Introduced by:

REP. AMANN, 118th Dist.

REP. DONOVAN, 84th Dist.

REP. WARD, 86th Dist.

REP. NARDELLO, 89th Dist.

REP. FRITZ, 90th Dist.

REP. ADINOLFI, 103rd Dist.

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF
RICHARD ARLING DICE.**

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, Richard Arling "Dick" Dice died on March 25, 2005, at
2 the age of 78; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a State Representative, representing the people
4 of the Town of Cheshire from 1971 until 1976, and served both as
5 chairman and as ranking member of the Joint Committee on
6 Appropriations, where he became known as a financial expert on state
7 finances, co-chaired the bi-partisan legislative committee to investigate
8 leasing practices in the state, and also served on the Joint Committees
9 on Banks and Regulated Activities, Human Institutions, Insurance and
10 Real Estate, and Liquor Control, as well as on the Connecticut State
11 Finance Advisory Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, he was born in 1926 in Mason City, Iowa, was raised on
13 farms in Iowa, attended Iowa's rural schools, including a one-room

14 school for his first eight grades, and demonstrated his emerging
15 leadership skills as President of his local and county 4-H clubs and as
16 the elected President of his freshman and senior high school classes,
17 where he participated in athletic and music programs for which he
18 won state recognition; and

19 WHEREAS, he served aboard the destroyer escort "Knudson" and in
20 the Philippine Theater during World War II; and

21 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Iowa where, from
22 among the 27,000 students at that time, he was elected President of the
23 Student Council and to the Board of Trustees of all Student
24 Publications, and at which he participated in many college political,
25 journalistic, fraternity and music activities and received Honors; and

26 WHEREAS, he graduated from Yale Law School and subsequently
27 earned a Certificate in Securities Law from the University of Colorado;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, he was employed as an accountant-auditor for General
30 Electric Company; and

31 WHEREAS, he opened his own law firm in Cheshire and Danbury
32 in 1955, which grew from a sole practice to a firm of thirteen attorneys,
33 served as the town counsel to the Town of Prospect and as the Town of
34 Cheshire's Prosecuting Grand Juror before the creation of the Circuit
35 Court system, was also a real estate broker, was a member of the bars
36 of, and admitted to practice law before the courts of, the states of
37 Connecticut and New York, the District of Columbia, the United States
38 District Court in Connecticut, the United States Tax Court, and the
39 United States Supreme Court, and held memberships in the American,
40 Connecticut and New Haven Bar Associations; and

41 WHEREAS, he was General Counsel, Vice President-Legal, and a
42 member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of Cott
43 Beverage Corporations; and

44 WHEREAS, he retired as an arbitrator for the New York, American
45 and other stock exchanges, and the American Arbitration Association;
46 and

47 WHEREAS, always active in civic affairs, he served as chairman of
48 the New Haven Jaycees, the Cheshire Tax Limitation Committee, the
49 Bridges Resort, and the Cheshire Economic Development Commission,
50 and was elected and served for many years as the Moderator for
51 Cheshire's Town Meetings; and

52 WHEREAS, he served on many boards and commissions, including
53 as a Commissioner of Bradley International Airport, on the Board of
54 Trustees of Cheshire Academy, Yale Law School Alumni Board,
55 Cheshire High School Building Committee, Cheshire Youth Center,
56 Cheshire United Fund Steering Committee, Cheshire Advisory Board
57 for Civil Defense, the Advisory Boards of The Banking Center and The
58 Colonial Bank & Trust Company, Cheshire Nursery School,
59 Quinnipiac College's Advisory Committee on Legal Assistants,
60 Cheshire Educational Foundation, University of Iowa and Yale Law
61 School Alumni Associations and the Connecticut State Experimental
62 Aircraft Association and was a member of The Farms Country Club,
63 Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, Cheshire Lions Club, New Haven
64 Jaycees and Iowa Masons; and

65 WHEREAS, his political activity included serving as chairman of the
66 Connecticut Youth for Eisenhower movement, participating in
67 numerous Cheshire political campaigns, and serving on the Cheshire
68 Republican Town Committee; and

69 WHEREAS, he was an avid skier, loved tennis and bicycled
70 extensively, including in many foreign countries, and for many years
71 owned his own airplane, holding a commercial pilots license with an
72 instrument rating; and

73 WHEREAS, he is remembered with great respect and affection by
74 his colleagues in the General Assembly as a very caring and thoughtful

75 gentleman who was an eloquent speaker and who had an excellent
76 command of the legislative process; and

77 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Constance Sidor
78 Dice, of Cheshire; his son, Kirk A. Dice, and daughter-in-law, Linda,
79 and their four children, Polly, Kane, Dak and Elle, of Breckenridge,
80 Colorado; his daughter, Dee Ann Dice, and her daughter, Sienna, of
81 Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; his daughter, Shelley L. Bauer, and
82 son-in-law, Pete, and their two children, Luke and Haley, of Poway,
83 California; his daughter, Deborah K. Cebry, and son-in-law, Steve, and
84 their four children, James, Hannah, Sarah and Eric, of Burlington; his
85 son, Richard "Chip" K. Dice, and daughter-in-law, Bonnie, and their
86 three children, Greg, Jessi and Taylor, of Danbury; and his brother,
87 Reverend Lee Dice of Wooster, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews
88 and dear friends.

89 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of
90 Representatives expresses its sincere and heartfelt condolences on the
91 death of Richard Arling "Dick" Dice, friend and former colleague,
92 whose death is a profound loss to the General Assembly, the Town of
93 Cheshire, and the State of Connecticut; and

94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
95 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the family
96 of Richard Arling "Dick" Dice as an expression of the high esteem and
97 affection in which he was held.